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Mr. Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bob:

On behalf of the Select Committee on Intelligence, we wish to invite you to appear before a hearing the Committee will hold on March 13th at 4:00 P.M. The purpose of this hearing is to address issues relating to long-range planning of intelligence on political, economic, and military trends in the Soviet Union. This hearing is being held as part of the Select Committee's review of the Fiscal Year 1987 National Intelligence Strategy and the Committee's consideration of guidelines for the FY 1988 National Intelligence Strategy.

The hearing will be held before the full Committee and, of course, will be closed. Security considerations require you to furnish a list of all witnesses and staff who will accompany you to the Committee Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing. We ask that your presentation be as informal as possible and that any prepared statements be submitted for the record. Your presentation should not exceed 10-15 minutes so as to allow ample time for questions by the Committee Members.

In our hearings, we are examining the entire intelligence process; the levying of requirements; the collection, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence information; and the use of this information by the intelligence consumer. As a key producer of intelligence on the Soviet Union, the Committee would like you briefly to outline your long-range priorities for intelligence analysis on Soviet military, political, and economic developments.

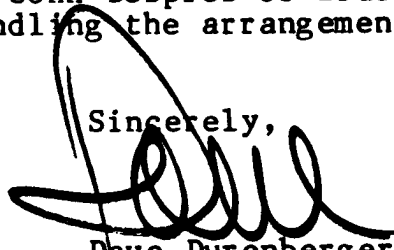
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In addition to yourself, we have also invited to attend our March 13th hearing Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Ambassador Rozanne L. Ridgway, Assistant Secretary for Soviet and East European Affairs, in order to provide the Committee an intelligence consumer's perspective. For the views of other intelligence producers, we have invited Ambassador Morton Abramowitz, Director, Bureau for Intelligence and Research, Department of State and LTG Leonard Perroots, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

To give our staff ample time to prepare briefing materials for this hearing, please arrange for your representatives who will be involved in the preparation for the session to meet with our staff at least ten days before your scheduled appearance. This will ensure that the Committee will be able to cover all relevant issues.

If your staff has any questions concerning this hearing, please have them contact John Despres or Bruce Berkowitz, our staff members who are handling the arrangements for this session.

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger  
Chairman



Patrick J. Leahy  
Vice Chairman